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In re Appln of: Robert A. Clucas

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Title: Method and Apparatus to Detect a Plurality of Security Tags

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

In reviewing our records, we note that the above-identified application was filed on October 31, 2003 and, to date, the application is still awaiting substantive action. Please advise the status of the application and when Applicant can anticipate action thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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